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Rev. Charles G. Torrey. Boston, Nov. 22, 1839.

Sir,

letter of nov. 12<sup>th</sup> this day received, requesting  
information respecting the letter addressed to me  
"Right & Wrong in Massachusetts," pp. 59 & 67.  
I enclose a copy of a certificate as to its contents  
signed by the gentleman to whom you addressed  
it, & by two ~~other~~ gentlemen to whom ~~he~~ among  
others ~~had~~ communicated it, which before I wrote that book,  
I deemed it proper to have. As you give me to understand that you have publicly  
denied writing such a letter, you furnish me  
with the proper ground on which to publish  
this certificate.

With respect to the publication of your  
letters appended to "Right & Wrong in ~~Boston~~,  
Massachusetts" to which you allude disappro-  
vingly, I have only to remark, that such  
letters have ~~as~~ far other character than  
that of private correspondence. Taken in  
connection with their author's course towards  
the Anti-Slavery public, they become a  
public concern. To suppress them is in  
my estimation wrong - to make them pub-  
lick, right & duty to the Anti-Slavery cause.

I am yours faithfully,  
Maria Weston Chapman.

Note

Certificate.

The following is the substance of Mr. Torrey's letter.

Charles T. Torrey wrote to P. L. Petthorne last December, stating that Garrison had a great deal of influence in this state, & hence it would not <sup>be safe</sup> to attack him or the Liberator openly. We need a new paper: in Massachusetts. He had sounded the ministry throughout the state & they were for it to a man. Now Brother Petthorne, have on a full delegation at the Annual Meeting, to come at 10 o'clock, prepare a to stay two days, have them pledged to go for the new paper & hear the Annual Report & we will show them how it is done.

(Signed)

P. L. Petthorne,  
Ezra L. Smith  
J. A. Collins.

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~~Mr. Torrey's letter~~  
The following note from Mr. Petthorne will explain the reason why ~~the letter to~~ Mr. Torrey's letter to him has not been published.